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Dear Sir:

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A summary/abstract translation of Citations BA-BG is enclosed.

Citation AA is an English language counterpart of Citation BA. Citation AB claims priority from Citation BB. Citation AC claims priority from Citation BE.

Citations BA-BE were cited in the International Search Report (copy attached) and the International Preliminary Examination Report (copy attached).

Citation BF is discussed on page 2, lines 4-17 of the present specification.

Citation BG is discussed on page 2, lines 18-31 of the present specification. In addition, Citation BG was withdrawn before publication. However, Applicants respectfully submit a partial translation of Citation BG. Citation BH claims priority from Citation BG. Citation BG was incorrectly cited in the Background Art, on page 2, line 18 of the specification, it should read as "Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-128594" instead of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-127594. Applicants will submit a Preliminary Amendment at a later date to correct this typographical error.

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